

FY 2009-10 STUDY OF STATE AIRCRAFT: RECOMMENDATIONS & ACTIONS

1. Program Evaluation Division's (PED) Recommendations

- Eliminate unnecessary aircraft in the Divisions of Forest Resource and Marine Fisheries within the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR).
- Consolidate the location of Forest Resources aircraft and close five hangars.
- Consolidate all passenger aircraft (Commerce, DOT, & AHEC) into one Aviation Division.

2. Summary of PED Recommendations and NCGA Actions (S.L. 2010-31)

	PED		NCGA	
<i>DENR, Division of Forest Resources</i>				
Aircraft for Elimination	20		Not less than 10	
Pilots for Elimination	9		4	
Mechanics for Elimination	5		2	
Hangars Closed	5		2	
Recurring Savings - Aircraft	\$1,011,809		\$469,817	
Nonrecurring Savings - Aircraft	\$2,628,500		\$1,500,000	
Recurring Savings - Hangars	\$26,060		\$13,060	
<i>DENR, Division of Marine Fisheries</i>				
Aircraft for Elimination	3		3	
Pilots for Elimination	0		0	
Mechanics for Elimination	N/A		N/A	
Expected Recurring Savings	\$11,570		\$25,218	
Expected NR Savings	\$190,000		\$35,000	
<i>Department of Commerce</i>				
	PED Recommendation		NCGA	
	Eliminate	Consolidate	Eliminate	Consolidate
Aircraft	0	2	0	2
Pilots	1	3	1	3
Mechanics	1	1	1	1
Expected Recurring Savings	Not provided		\$300,000	
Expected NR Savings	\$0		\$0	

3. General Assembly Actions – Special Provisions

Department of Commerce

- Directs that the use of State aircraft for economic development purposes shall take precedence over all other uses, except in cases of emergency or disaster response.

Department of Environment & Natural Resources

- Directs Forest Resources to provide maintenance for Marine Fisheries' aircraft.
- Directs DENR to report on aviation activities and implementation of eight management practices recommended in the PED report, as well as to report on the recommendations of a Conklin & de Decker report currently being conducted.
- Directs DENR to purchase software for the tracking of flights and maintenance of all aircraft in the Department from funds available through the sale of eliminated aircraft.